

## **PROPOSAL FOR ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY PROVIDER (ECP) SUFFICIENCY STANDARDS**

The definition of ECP has been expanded to a larger listing of ECP entities consistent with federal requirements and state law.

To allow carriers adequate time to get contracts in place and providers credentialed, the network sufficiency standard will span a 3 year timeframe. For all ECP categories not separately identified the Exchange staff proposes the following contracting standard:

- **2014 calendar year** - A contracting standard of 20% of ECPs to be under contract by each carrier at the end of 2013. The provider contracting process includes a credentialing process after contracting is underway.
- **2015 calendar year** - A contracting standard of 50% of ECPs to be under contract by each carrier at the end of 2014. The provider contracting process includes a credentialing process after contracting is underway.
- **2016 calendar year** - A contracting standard of 75% of ECPs to be under contract by each carrier at the end of 2015. The provider contracting process includes a credentialing process after contracting is underway.

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**40% of School Based Health Centers (SBHC)** for the 2014 calendar year, 50% in the 2015 calendar year and 75% in the 2016 calendar year. CGS 38a-472e requires: "Each insurer licensed to do business in this state shall, at the request of any school-based health center or group of school-based health centers, offer to contract with such center or centers to provide reimbursement for covered health care services to persons who are insured by such licensed insurer. Such offer shall be made on terms and conditions similar to contracts offered to other providers of health care services".

**There are presently 113 School Based Health Centers in Connecticut.**

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**100% of Veteran's Home** CGS 381-529 requires mandatory coverage for services provided by the Veterans' Home. No group health insurance policy delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state on or after October 1, 1988, may exclude coverage for services provided by the Veterans' Home.

**There is 1 Veteran Home in Connecticut.**

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**20% of the Exchange ECP listing for Pediatric Dental Services** in addition to UCONN Dental Clinic at Connecticut Children's Medical Center, and at Burgdorf Dental Clinic and the Yale New Haven Health System.

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**Mental Health, Behavioral Health, Substance Abuse services** – Require carriers to develop a plan to comply with Mental Health parity that takes into consideration reasonable geographic access on a statewide basis as well as the full continuum of care and includes the types of services required by law. (e.g. licensed hospital or clinics, child guidance clinics, residential treatment facility, nonprofit licensed adult psychiatric clinic and licensed alcohol treatment faculty.)

- Provider networks must include standards as follows by year:
  - **2014 calendar year** – 20% statewide participation based on the revised created provider list of ECP's compiled by the Exchange;
  - **2015 calendar year** - 50% statewide participation based on the revised created provider list of ECP's compiled by the Exchange and;
  - **2016 calendar year** - 75% statewide participation based on the revised created provider list of ECP's compiled by the Exchange.

**Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)** No changes are proposed to the recommended standard approved by the Exchange Board of Directors for carriers to contract with 90% of the FQHCs and FQHC look alike facilities.